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(U//FOUO) Several news outlets (CNN, Times of London, Daily Mail) inquired about the Washington Post story that broke today alleging that CIA worked in the mid-2000s to create a bin Laden action figure doll that transformed into a "devil doll" as part of an influence campaign. OPA provided the same on the record statement that it had provided to the Post: "The action figure idea was proposed and rejected by CIA before it got past the prototype stage. To our knowledge, there were only three individual action figures ever created and these were merely to show what a final product might look like. After being presented with these examples, the CIA declined to pursue this idea and did not produce or distribute any of these action figures. Furthermore, CIA has no knowledge of these action figures being produced or distributed by others.

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(U//FOUO) Ian Shapira (Washington Post) wrote us to say he was intrigued by the feature story on our website that details the Agency's historical use of pneumatic tubes to transfer information. He is interested in interviewing any of the 11 individuals mentioned anonymously in the story who are still alive.

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(U//FOUO) CBS This Morning contacted OPA about potentially doing a feature story on how the CIA has embraced social media as a communications tool. The reporter noted that she was impressed by the Agency's use of these platforms compared to how other federal agencies use such accounts. (b)(3)

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